

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND PURCHASING
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

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Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex officio

The COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND PURCHASING, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, met on Monday, March 19, 2001, in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, S. C., at 7:19 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. William E. Crosby, District No. 3, Chairman; Mr. Milton Farley, Councilmember District No. 1; Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, Councilmember District No. 2; Mr. Charles E. Davis, Councilmember District No. 4; Mr. Steve M. Vaughn, Councilmember District No. 5; Mrs. Judy C. Mims, Councilmember District No. 6; Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Councilmember District No. 7; Mr. Henry L. Richardson, Jr., Councilmember District No. 8; and Mr. Mark D. Stokes, County Attorney.

The requirements of the Freedom of Information Act have been complied with by posting the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting of Berkeley County Council at the entrance to the Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, and a copy of such notice was mailed to all Councilmembers and the News media.

Councilmember Crosby called the Committee to order and stated that first on the agenda this evening was Gregory K. Rines, GIS Director/E911 Coordinator, Re: Personnel upgrade.

Mr. Rines stated he was requesting Council's consideration of an upgrade for the Analyst I position because the present salary has been in effect for five years. He stated that it is a technical position and he has had a hard time filling it; however, he is looking at the upgrade for security stability. Mr. Rines stated he would normally do this upgrade in the budget but because of the grading system, Human Resources suggested he do it this way.

Councilmember Spooner asked was this upgrade recommended by the Human Resources Department? Mr. Rines replied, yes, the upgrade would be split with the Consortium 50/50.

Councilmember Mims moved for approval; seconded by Councilmember Mims.

Councilmember Vaughn asked what amount was it? Mr. Rines stated it's approximately \$3,000 plus to be split in half with the Consortium.

Upon call for the vote, the motion passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Next was Frank Carson, PE, County Engineer and Public Works Director, Re: 1) Voter Registration renovation: Transfer of funds within department and request for additional funds.

Mr. Carson stated the Committee has in their packet a memo dated March 13, with an attachment for the cost of renovation for what was formerly the Job Service office spaces in the Maude Callen Building. He stated they would use \$22,500, which had been budgeted for rents and leases intended for rental and after storage space, and reviewing this with the MIS Director, they would fund \$10,000 of the network and UPS wiring, and would defer the UPS Purchase to the next budget year. This leaves them with a shortfall of \$4,500, which would be required from Contingency. So, the request is a transfer of \$22,500 from 47002, line item 5251 to 47002, line item 6108 with the remaining \$4,500 from Contingency.

Councilmember Davis moved for approval; seconded by Councilmember Spooner; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Item C, John F. Hamer, CPPB, Director of Procurement, Re: Bids and Recommendations: 1) Magistrate Court Management System. He stated they sent out eight (8) proposal packets for a Magistrate Court Software package; and only one was returned. After review by the Chief Magistrate and the MIS Director the recommendation was to accept the proposal from Professional Computer Software Services, Inc.

Councilmember Spooner asked does that bring the total to \$70,000. Mr. Hamer stated they would have to come up with additional money for this system. He stated his recommendation would be to approve contingent upon additional funds. The base price was \$73,413 but he did not include expenses. The vendor estimated 18 days of training, and indicated the maximum expenses should not exceed \$72,000. Chairman Crosby asked why was this being done now rather than in the next budget year. Mr. Hamer stated the maintenance on the existing software was about to expire and is no longer being serviced. Chairman Crosby asked what company is the service contract under. Mr. Hamer stated Vision Software.

Councilmember Spooner moved to send it to the Finance Committee; seconded by Councilmember Mims.

Mr. Hamer stated the base price is \$73,413, which does not include hardware. Judge Harper stated the cost is \$105,000 but they have funds they could transfer; so, they are not asking for that amount.

Upon call for the vote, the motion passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Mr. Hamer stated in reference to 2) transfer of funds within department (Purchasing), he had a leak detector to go out on the Underground Storage Tanks due to a faulty sensor. The detector is outdated and he cannot get any replacement parts; therefore, he would have to upgrade. He stated Supervisor Rozier has allowed him to do an emergency purchase because it is required by law for them to have that monitoring system. The funds in the amount of \$4,500 are in the budget and need to be transferred to 6104.

Councilmember Spooner moved for approval; seconded by Councilmember Vaughn.

Councilmember Davis asked what kind of system was he upgrading to. Mr. Hamer stated it is a TRS, which is an automatic in the tank monitoring system for leak detections.

Upon call for the vote, the motion passed by voice vote of the Committee.

The next item was Sole Source Purchase of a Canon 32040 PPM Duplex Maximum scanner, Mary P. Brown, Berkeley County Clerk of Court.

In the absence of Ms. Brown, Mr. Hamer stated this system would be tied into Administrative Services microfilming software, which is why she is asking for Sole Source to use the vendor where the software was originally purchased.

Councilmember Spooner moved to approve the Sole Source purchase; seconded by Councilmember Mims; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Item E, Ms. Annette Harmon, Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority, Solid Waste, Recycling and Disposal Fee Administrator, and Ms. Denise Mitchum, CPPB, Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority, Director of Purchasing, Re: Solid Waste Franchise Bids: 1) Sangaree Special Tax District Franchise Area; and 2) Berkeley County Residential Franchise Area.

Ms. Harmon stated the Committee has in their packet a recommendation of the Solid Waste collection for Sangaree. She stated she would ask that this item be held because they recently found out that the company recommended sold their assets. They have requested a review to go over the company's sales agreement. And they are also checking with the company that purchased their assets to see if they may be able to honor this bid. Based on what they find the Sangaree Tax Commissioners may need to review this and make another recommendation.

Ms. Harmon stated in reference to the Berkeley County Residential Franchise Area, they recommended two options, which were the roll cart service once a week, and also, the roll cart service with recycling. She stated they feel strongly about the roll cart service with recycling, which is an added option for Berkeley County. It is an increase but also, an increase in service. Ms. Harmon stated they have to also look at the Solid Waste Management Plan of 1991, which mandates a goal of 3.5 pounds per person per day to be land filled. That generation rate is currently 13.2 pounds per person per day; so, they need to try to make that goal within the next five years.

Chairman Crosby stated the company for Sangaree was going to pick up twice a week plus recycle for a lot less than what this other contract is for once a week. Ms. Harmon stated the Sangaree contract service area is more compact, so, you are not experiencing more fuel cost, transportation, etc. There is also a big customer base and the residential customer's waste stream as far as garbage is a lot different from commercial, which is good for the hauler because it balances out their commercial and residential customers.

Chairman Crosby stated he initially wanted it to be held because of the \$9.00 increase; and there is a lot of uncertainty as to whether taxes would be coming from other subdivisions and he couldn't support it. Ms. Harmon stated the current rate is \$20.07 and if they stay with the existing program, the rates would be \$23.40, which is a \$3.37 increase.

Councilmember Vaughn moved to accept the \$23.40 rate.

Ms. Harmon stated they are working on a lot of Solid Waste programs in Berkeley County to have a complete package for the residents. They are going to set up an oil and gas mixture tank in the next couple of months, a cardboard bailer, market scrap metal, grind yard debris and marketing compost at the land fill within the next couple of months.

Ms. Harmon reiterated that the current generation rate at the landfill is 13.2 pounds per person. They need to meet the goal of 3.5 pounds within the next five years under the Solid Waste Management Act. Councilmember Vaughn stated that it is going to take a lot more than recycling; ten pounds per household to be cut. Ms. Harmon stated they are going to do everything they can to reduce the waste stream.

Councilmember Farley seconded the motion.

Councilmember Mims asked what would the savings be to the landfill if they go with the other company. Mr. Ed Rodgers stated it currently costs about \$43.33 a ton to run the landfill, \$12.00 a ton to recycle; and they are looking at between 20% to 50% reduction in the participation of the recycling. He stated they spent about 12 million dollars developing the landfill and it's filling far ahead of schedule. Their goal is to reduce the consumption of the landfill and the main drive is to save it. Councilmember Mims asked would that save the taxpayers a lot of money? Mr. Rodgers stated it would save a ton in the long run.

Upon call for the vote to accept the \$23.40 rate, a roll call vote was necessary.

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

Councilmember Farley	"Aye"
Councilmember Spooner	"Aye"
Councilmember Davis	"Nay"
Councilmember Vaughn	"Aye"
Councilmember Mims	"Nay"

Councilmember Pinckney
Councilmember Richardson

“Aye”
“Aye”

The vote passed by majority vote of the Committee to accept the rate of \$23.40.

Councilmember Vaughn stated that after Sangaree is up and running and say that it has been an overwhelming successful and people are using the recycling boxes he would be happy to look at it. They had already voted to do Sangaree's, so, they might as well sit back and see how it's going to work.

Next was Ms. Denise Mitchum, CPPB, Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority, Director of Purchasing, Re: 1) Sealed Bids; Solid Waste Closure Project; and 2) Donation of Live Oak Trees to SC Maritime Heritage Foundation.

Ms. Mitchum stated they accepted Bids for the Pre-Subtitle D MSW Landfill Closure Project. Four Bids were submitted on March 6, 2001, and they are recommending that the Bid be awarded to Cooper River Construction, the low base bidder, in the amount of \$526,825.00.

Councilmember Richardson moved for approval; seconded by Councilmember Spooner.

Councilmember Vaughn asked how many tons of dirt goes into the landfill during the year? Councilmember Davis asked was this daily cover? Ms. Mitchum stated they would use dirt from the landfill to take care of the closure. She stated that selecting the base bid would help them to do this effectively more cost efficient

Councilmember Mims asked about the letter from Camp Dresser and McKee, which says, “if the owner elects to include alternate bid items.” Ms. Mitchum stated she addressed that earlier, which is when the company would bring dirt and supplies from the outside.

Upon call for the vote, the motion passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Ms. Mitchum stated they are asking that Council allow them to donate the Live Oak Trees at Oakley Plantation to the SC Maritime Heritage Foundation. She stated they are building tall ships from different states across the country and they would like to have our Live Oak Trees to use in combination with the Yellow Pine. This would be a good cause for the State and Berkeley County, and also, for the school children and future generations to come.

Councilmember Davis moved for approval; seconded by Councilmember Spooner; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Councilmember Vaughn moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Pinckney; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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AGENDA

- A. Gregory K. Rines, GIS Director/E911 Coordinator, Re: Personnel upgrade.
- B. Frank Carson, PE, County Engineer and Public Works Director: Re:
 - 1. Voter Registration renovation: Transfer of funds within department and request for additional funds.
- C. John F. Hamer, CPPB, Director of Procurement, Re:
Bids and Recommendations:
 - 1. Magistrate Court Management System.
 - 2. Transfer of funds within department (Purchasing)
- D. Mary P. Brown, Berkeley County Clerk of Court, Re: Sole Source purchase of Canon 32040 PPM Duplex Maximum scanner.
- E. Ms. Annette Harmon, Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority, Solid Waste, Recycling and Disposal Fee Administrator, and Ms. Denise Mitchum, CPPB, Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority, Director of Purchasing, Re: Solid Waste Franchise Bids:
 - 1. Sangaree Special Tax District Franchise Area.
 - 2. Berkeley County Residential Franchise Area.

F. Ms. Denise Mitchum, CPPB, Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority,
Director of Purchasing, Re:

1. Sealed Bids: Solid waste Closure Project.
2. Donation of Live Oak Trees to SC Maritime Heritage Foundation.

March 14, 2001
S/Barbara B. Austin
Clerk of County Council